

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Image data sets can be classified more freely according to accompanying information added thereto. A user sends the image data sets to an image storage server. Tag information
5 reading means of image organizing means reads tag information added to the image data sets. Information item specification means specifies information items and priority thereof to be used for image classification, from information items described in the tag information. Image classification means classifies
10 the image data sets into groups having a hierarchical structure according to the specified information items and the priority thereof, and generates classification information. The classification information is stored in a storage database, together with the image data sets and thumbnail image data sets
15 thereof.